(b) if so, the names and location thereof; and

(c) the action taken on each of these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) to (c) The Planning Commission within the framework of the Five Year Plans finalise Annual Plan and sectoral outlays primarily on the priority decided by the State Government. No scheme in respect of Government of Madhya Pradesh is pending with Planning Commission for investment clearance.

Assessment Regarding Implementation of Projects under Eighth Five Year Plan

6827. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any assessment of the implementation of projects under the Eighth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether it is a fact that many projects of Eighth Plan are being implemented tardily; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken to ensure that plan proposal and projects are implemented according to schedule?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On the basis of the data base for the rojects costing Rs. 20 crores and above monitored by the Department of Programme Implementation, 140 projects were completed between 4|92 ot 12|94. As on 1.1.95 out of 356 projects presently on the system of the Department of Programme Implementation, 235 projects were originally scheduled for completion during the 8th Five Year Plan i.e. between 4|92 and 3|97. Of these 22 projects have already slipped beyond the 8th Plan. Of the remaining 211 projects, 119 projects have registered delays during the course of their implementation with respect to the originally scheduled date of completion. They are expected to be completed in the 8th Plan period. In all 260 projects are now scheduled to be completed in the 8th Plan.

(c) The steps taken by the Government to expedite the implementation of projects include:

(i) The State Governments are regularly requested to extend necessary co-operation by making land available on time for project work and compansatory afforestation.

(ii) The contractors and suppliers are being asked to expedite the progress of works. Constant review and follow up is being made to arrest unavoidable delays.

(iii) The delay in supply of equipments from abroad are being tackled through diplomatic channels.

(iv) All project authorities have been asked to adopt latest project management techniques for monitoring the implementation of projects.

Besides these many improvements have been brought to tackle the weaknesses and avoid delays such as appointment of Empowered Committees for quick disoosal of disputes in the contracts or disputes of award of contracts, releaee of funds on the basis of physical progress made, continuance of project management team for the entire gestation period, etc.

Infant Mortality Rate

6828. SHRI MD. SALIM:
SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the infant mortality rate, daily

calorie availability, percentage of population below poverty line with break up for urban, rural and total for all the States, State-wise since 1980 till date; and

(b) the percentage of population having access to the health services, safe drinking water and sanitation for the corresponding period with State-wise break up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): (a) State-wise information by rural and urban areas on infant mortality rate, daily calorie intake, and percentage of people living below poverty line is given in Statements I to IV as Annexure [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 145].

(b) The provision of health care srevices are the responsibility of the respective State Governments. Status of rural and urban water supply and sanitation in the States is given in Statements V & VI as Annexure. [*See* Appendix 173, Annexure No. 145]

Life Expectancy Rate

6829. SHRI MD. SALIM:

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:

Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state the life expectancy rate at birth and adult literacy rate and male|female break up between 1980 and 1994, statewise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG): Two tables giving expectation of life at birth by sex for major States (1986-90) and percentage of literates to estimated population aged seven years and above for 1981-91, are annexed as Statement-I & II.

Statement I

Expectation of Life at birth by Sex for Major States (1986–90)

States	Male	Female
Andhra Pradesh	58.2	60.4
Assam	53.6	54.2
Bihar	55.7	53.6
Gujarat	57.0	58.8
Haryana	62.2	62.2
Himachal Pradesh	62.4	62.8
Jammu & Kashmir	59.4	64.2
Karnataka	60.4	62.6
Kerala	66.8	72.3
Madhya Pradesh	53.7	53.0
Maharashtra	61.2	63.5
Orissa	54.6	54.0
Punjab	64.7	66.9
Rajasthan	55.2	56.2
Tamil Nadu	60.0	60.6
Uttar Pradesh	54.2	52.5
West Bengal	60.2	61.2

Source : SRS based abridged life tables 1986–90 occassional paper No. 1 of 1994 Registrar General, India New Delhi.